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TAGS: MASS, NO
SUBJECT: MAAG DISESTABLISHMENT: NORWEGIANS PROPOSE TO TERMINATE
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENT

REFS: A) OSLO 0302; B) OSLO 6520; C) OSLO 3927

1. BY REF A THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT GON MFA PROPOSED TO
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CONCLUDE ITS PAYMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES TO THE
EMBASSY UNDER ARTICLE IV OF US-NORWEGIAN MUTUAL DEFENSE
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT (MDA) OF 1949, AND TO DELETE ARTICLE IV 1,
WHICH PROVIDES FOR SUCH PAYMENTS, FROM THE AGREEMENT.
MFA POSITION IS THAT IN VIEW OF TERMINATION OF THE MAAG,
THE GON FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY PAYING FOR ADMINI-
STRATIVE COSTS OF THE NEW OFFICE (ODC). EMBASSY ADVISED

DEPT THAT WE WERE CONDUCTING AN ASSESSMENT OF ODC TASKINGS AND WOULD FORWARD OUR EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON ALLOCATION OF FORMER MAAG RESPONSIBILITIES AND ON A USG REPLY TO GON PROPOSAL.

2. THE ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH THE CONCLUSIONS WHICH ARE IN LINE WITH AMBASSADOR'S PREVIOUSLY STATED INTENT TO RATIONALIZE AND IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF THE EMBASSY SECURITY ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. WE ACCEPT EUCOMS VIEW THAT THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY LEVEL AND REPRESENTATIONAL JOB TO BE DONE BY THE ODC HERE IN NORWAY-ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE F16 CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM AND OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS OF INTEREST HERE (E.G., AWACS AND ROLAND II). THESE PROJECTS WILL BENEFIT THE U.S. SIGNIFICANTLY IF THEY ARE SMOOTHLY IMPLEMENTED BY SENIOR ODC REPRESENTATIVES.

3. BUT, FROM OUR ASSESSMENT WE HAVE CONCLUDED ALSO THAT SOME OF THE S.A. FUNCTIONS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE PERFORMED BY MORE JUNIOR MEMBERS OF ODC STAFF AND OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE NORWEGIANS COULD BE ELIMINATED, SUCH AS LOGISTICS AND ASSISTING HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL. THE MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING TASKS COULD BE PERFORMED BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS, USG AGENCIES, AND GON DEFENSE AUTHORITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTION CAN LOGICALLY BE RESPONSIBLE AND CONDUCT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL SECURITY AND VISIT CLEARANCES, CO-PRODUCTION MATTERS, AND TECHNICAL DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. THE GON CAN CONDUCT FOR THEMSELVES LOGISTICS

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RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ON A DIRECT BASIS WITH USDOD. COMMENSURATE WITH THIS WOULD BE TRANSFER TO THE DSA FIELD AGENCY IN EUROPE OF MAP MATERIAL ACCOUNTING AND DISPOSAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR NORWAY. AS REPORTED IN REF B WE HAVE LARGELY TRANSFERRED TRAINING FUNCTIONS, AND EXPECT TO CONSUMMATE THAT TRANSFER FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF A FEW BUREAUCRATIC HANG-UPS ON USG SIDE.

4. WE PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES BY 1 OCT 77. THERE MAY BE SOME RESIDUAL S.A. FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED THEREAFTER BY THE ODC WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS LARGELY BENEFICIAL TO GON RATHER THAN TO U.S. INTERESTS; HOWEVER, THOSE FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE MINIMAL.

5. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE EMBASSY PLANS AND FINDINGS OF OUR TASKING ASSESSMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT, UNLESS THERE ARE LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE, THE GON PROPOSAL FOR AN 1 APRIL 77 PAYMENTS

CONCLUSION DATE IS REASONABLE. OUR OVERALL GOAL HAS BEEN TO REORIENT THE ODC IN LINE WITH THE NEW U.S. LEGISLATION. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TRANSITION CALLED FOR UNDER OUR LEGISLATION WITHIN ONE YEAR - I.E., BY OCT 77 (REFTEL C). ASSUMING A LINEAR REDUCTION IN SERVICE FOR THE GON OVER THE PERIOD 1 OCT 76 TO 1 OCT 77, FULL PAYMENT UP TO 1 APRIL 77 (I.E., ONE-HALF OF A FULL YEAR PAYMENT), AS PROPOSED BY THE GON, IS IN OUR VIEW REASONABLE. THOUGH THE ODC HAS 1 OCT 77 AS ITS GOAL, IT HAS, IN FACT, NOT YET MET THE LINEAR TRANSFER ASSUMED ABOVE. BUT, THE SECOND ORDER COST CONSIDERATIONS THIS PRESENTS ARE QUITE DIFFICULT TO PIN DOWN DEFINITELY AND JUSTIFY AND DO NOT APPEAR TO BE WORTH HAGGLING OVER WITH THE MFA.

6. AS WE INDICATE ABOVE, THERE MAY BE SOME LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE ARE NOT AWARE OF AND WHICH WOULD MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR US TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUE TO CHARGE THE GON FOR SOME ODC SERVICES. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF SUCH REQUIRED CHARGES, IF THERE ARE ANY AND WE WILL IN TURN ADVISE THE MFA.

7. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND TO MFA THAT WE HAVE REVIEWED THEIR PROPOSAL FOR CONCLUDING PAYMENTS FOR THE ODC AND THE DELETION OF ART IV 1 FROM THE MDA AGREEMENT ON 1 APRIL 77 AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE ADVISE.
ANDERS

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